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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The serial number information on page 1 of the specification has been updated as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito in view of Maeda. Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 3-5 and 7 if rewritten in independent form and Applicant thanks Examiner for this indication. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1. Applicant therefore submits that the claims are now distinguished over the prior art as indicated by the Examiner.

Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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